

DOCKET NO. 2002-293-E - ORDER NO. 2002-711

IN RE: Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas)
 Company to Extend an Existing Line by)
 Crossing Territory Assigned to Mid-Carolina)
 Electric Cooperative)
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ORDER APPROVING
PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF
EXISTING ELECTRIC
LINE

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According to SCE&G, the actual extension proposed by the Company would be achieved by an upgrade to the existing single phase line and would consist of a three-

phase, 560 foot line near Woods Point Road, and a three-phase, 2.5 mile line from Shore Road to Shull Island, located in Lexington County, running through territory assigned to the Co-op. (“the Project”). A map depicting the Project site is attached to SCE&G’s Petition as Exhibit A.

In support of its Petition, SCE&G asserts that the extension would not interfere with the normal operations of any other electrical supplier and is necessary to ensure SCE&G’s continued ability to provide safe, reliable electrical service to its customers. According to SCE&G, approval of the Project would allow the Company to continue to provide reliable service, meet expanded electrical demand loads of existing customers and new customers residing in the Project site vicinity. SCE&G states that the Company will not serve any customers in Mid-Carolina’s assigned territory from the line extension, except as allowed by S.C. Code of Laws 58-27-660 (1). Additionally, as provided by signed affidavit of Mid-Carolina’s President and CEO (Exhibit B) attached to SCE&G’s Petition, Mid-Carolina does not oppose SCE&G’s Petition or the extension of its line through the Co-op’s assigned territory.

By its Petition to extend the existing line as proposed, SCE&G requests that the Commission waive hearing requirements pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-821(2) (Supp. 2001). §103-821 provides that a formal proceeding initiated under these rules may be decided upon without a formal hearing, upon the written opinion of the Commission that the pleading on its face shows that a hearing is not necessary in the public interest or for the protection of substantial rights. SCE&G asserts that “on its face”, the Company’s Petition “shows that a hearing is not necessary in the public interest or for the protection

of substantial rights” since Mid-Carolina does not object to the Project and the only lines affected will be lines currently owned and used by SCE&G.

Upon examining the Petition to extend SCE&G’s existing line as set forth in the proposed Project, the Commission finds that public interest and the protection of substantial rights would be served in the instant matter without the necessity of a hearing. We further find that SCE&G’s Petition for extension of its existing line should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition of SCE&G for expedited approval of the Company’s plan to extend and upgrade an existing single-phase line located in Lexington County, South Carolina on SCE&G assigned territory by crossing territory assigned to Mid-Carolina Electric in Lexington County, South Carolina, is granted upon the finding of this Commission that the requested waiver of hearing is in the public interest.

2. The Petition of SCE&G to extend and upgrade an existing single-phase line located in Lexington County, South Carolina on SCE&G assigned territory by crossing territory assigned to Mid-Carolina Electric in Lexington County, South Carolina, is granted.

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3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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